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In re application of:

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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

In advance of substantive examination in the above identified matter, please amend the application. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please substitute pending paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph [0001]:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Number 60/194,625, filed April 5, 2000, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference.